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Office Action Summary

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Julie Lieu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bently (US Patent No. 6,775,523)

Claims 1 and 3:

Bently discloses a pushbutton doorbell activator (see fig. 3) for remotely activating a doorbell chime by transmitting a radio frequency signal to a receiver associated with the doorbell chime. The doorbell activator comprises a radio frequency transmitter circuit 10 including an antenna 32 (fig. 4) for transmitting the signal, a pushbutton 12 for activating the transmitter

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circuit 10, a non-metallic casing 18 carrying said transmitter circuit and the antenna, a metallic housing 14, 16 partially encasing the casing 18. The housing including first and second opposing half parts 14a and 16, the half parts spaced from each other to form a gap (section between 14a and 16 including 18 and 24), the pushbutton 12 interposed between the first and second housing half parts 14a and 16 in said gap. The antenna 32 is aligned with said gap (see fig. 4).

Though push bar 12 in Bently is a metallic, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the circuit in Bently and use a non-metallic push bar or push button made of silicone rubber as desired because the function of the device would not thereby be modified. It is not clear what the non-metallic casing 18 is made of. However, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use plastic as a casing because the use of a plastic casing for a circuit housing is conventional in the art.

Claim 2:

The pushbutton includes a pair of oppositely located extension parts (ends of push bar 12). The extension parts located between said housing parts in said gap.

Claim 4:

The doorbell activator in Bently inherent has a rear mounting plate (col. 3, lines 6-13). The mounting plate securable to a mounting surface, said mounting plate connected to the casing.

Claim 5:

The device in Bently further comprises a gasket seal 20 between the mounting plate and said casing. Col. 3, lines 6-13.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Deak, US 2004/1074287 discloses a self-contained switch.

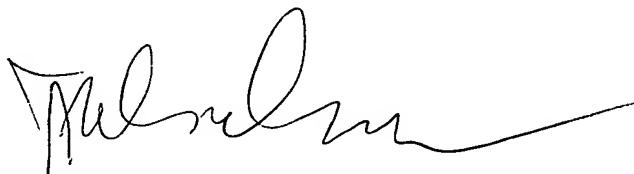
Angott et al., US Patent No. 5,365,214, discloses s musical wireless alerting system.

Harvy, US Patent No. 6,618,022, discloses an RF powered switch.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Lieu whose telephone number is 571-272-2978. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Hofsass can be reached on 571-272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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